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Majority prices were trending mostly unchanged for next week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend had shown some improvements as weather conditions improved, but overall, interest was still disappointing to fair. Supplies of smaller sized product was in the better balance while heavier weights continued adequate to ample and at times discounted. In the parts structure, breast items were fully sufficient to ample and attractively priced with little response. Dark meat was balanced, close for drums and thighs, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable to heavy.

## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 06/11-06/16/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-55.00	50.00-66.00	53.48	23
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	54.00-56.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	63.00-64.50	45.00-66.00	63.63	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
649	57.50-65.00	62.99
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	209.00	1,248
BREASTS - B/S	142.00	3,923
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00	1,073
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	710
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	7,868
WINGS	99.50	2,745

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's majority. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs were fully sufficient for a generally light trade interest. Demand into retail and food service accounts somewhat better going into the weekend, but still disappointing overall. Floor stocks were well cleared to instances long. Weights were in a desirable range to heavier than desired. Trading on drumsticks was moderate to good, leg quarters were clearing at a moderate levels with breast items slow to clear. Supplies of breast items were fully sufficient with boneless/skinless breasts ample, wings varied, leg quarters adequate and drumsticks were tight. The market tone was steady on dark meat items, unsettled on wings and barely steady to weak on breast items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies were in balance for smaller sizes, at least sufficient for heavier weights. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to ample and lower priced to clear. Dark meat was in the strongest position with supplies balanced to close, and wings were at least available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was steady overall. Trading for next week's deliveries at prices mainly unchanged to lower. Offerings adequate on small sizes, heavy weights ample. Sharper discounts common place on excess product, but did little to stimulate buying activity. Buying interest was moderate. Retail demand fairly good, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Breasts remained weak with balance of parts generally steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-99, boneless breasts 177-399, boneless leg meat 129-138, split breasts 97-229, leg quarters 88-89, thighs 69-129, drumsticks 69-129; Northern California - whole body 69-89, boneless breasts 299-369, thighs 99; Arizona - whole body 79-119, roasters 99, boneless breasts 169-419, split breasts 97-249, leg quarters 79-119, wings 109, drumsticks 99-119, thighs 99-119, IQF 4# - wings or boneless thighs 599.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only light to fair at best as dealers remained cautious and limited orders to standing commitments. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were in the best balanced position, and the 3.5 pound and heavier sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were ample and discounted. Dark meat items were at least adequate, although, drums and thighs were often noted as clearing well. Wings were readily available.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend but overall activity was disappointingly below expectations. Offerings were adequate and in the closer better balance on the 3.0 pound and smaller sizes. Heavier weights were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Breast cuts were difficult to place. Leg items were in generally good balance. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		53-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		59.38
NO. OF BOXES		13,183
CUMULATIVE	06/04/01-06/08/01	59.27
	06/05/00-06/09/00	59.49
NO. OF BOXES	06/04/01-06/08/01	66,770
	06/05/00-06/09/00	41,382

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JUNE 07					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS					JUN 08	
POUNDS		WTD			POUNDS		WTD			WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	806	109.00-215.00	125-130	130.02	826	106.00-215.00	120-125	132.68	3,850	143.50	
TENDERLOINS	130	145.00-235.00	145	160.23	164	140.00-235.00	140-145	153.66	550	158.57	
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	73.00-82.00	-	80.35	82	70.00-82.00	-	79.80	410	80.24	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				75	64.00-69.00	-	66.67	360	69.88	
LEGS	129	40.00-49.00	40-42	41.56	129	40.50-49.00	40-42	41.56	645	41.68	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	267	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.90	507	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.08	2,595	26.32	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,528	27.00-31.00	28-30	28.84	1,608	27.00-31.00	28-30	28.85	7,360	28.91	
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	78.00-98.00	94-96	92.54	272	81.00-98.00	94-96	94.42	1,395	94.01	
WINGS (CUT)	622	98.00-112.00	103-105	107.64	659	98.00-111.00	102-105	106.78	2,963	107.18	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS	116	83.00-96.00	-	87.90	57	83.00-96.50	-	93.37	392	87.60	

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUNE 07, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

RANGE

46.50 - 51.00

AVERAGE

48.70

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUN 08, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

RANGE

44.50 - 49.00

AVERAGE

46.38

5-DAY

AVERAGE

48.13

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest increased only slightly entering the weekend as dealers remained cautious and reluctant to assume much additional product, even when attractively priced. Offerings of breast items were ample and discounted in an attempt to stimulate sales. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient, although, drums and thighs were usually noted as clearing well. Wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels remained light to no better than fair. The market tone was steady on dark meat items, no better than steady on wings, weak and unsettled on breast items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JUNE 07				JUN 08			
CURRENT NEG		WTD		CURRENT NEG		WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	133.57	565,280	BREAST - B/S	115-120	129.26	627,930
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.89	117,160	TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.15	162,129
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	80.63	416,600	BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	75.12	319,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.63	144,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	65	61.00	198,000
LEGS	41-42	46.24	206,240	LEGS	41-42	45.56	255,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.82	728,276	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.06	537,048
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	46.15	176,860	DRUMSTICKS	36-37	45.84	187,960
THIGHS	36-37	38.13	316,690	THIGHS	36-37	46.09	139,420
B/S THIGHS	88-89	93.25	57,720	B/S THIGHS	88-89	93.02	80,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	101.29	355,300	WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	97.13	401,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.26	95,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	114,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	38.94	84,720	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.71	101,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.45	141,256	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.81	159,960

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
06/08	06/07	06/06	06/05	06/06	06/05	06/01	05/30
ALA	4,523	4,035	3,898	3,901	5.12	5.19	4,668
ARK	5,287	5,386	4,731	5,189	4.98	4.99	6,462
DELMARVA	2,340	2,361	2,361	2,377	5.08	5.12	2,837
KY-LA-TN	2,073	1,903	1,916	1,968	4.65	4.62	2,275
MISS	2,827	2,857	2,756	2,848	5.08	5.21	2,927
NC	2,588	2,621	2,590	2,533	5.93	5.97	3,303
TEXAS	2,496	2,386	2,362	2,393	4.86	4.79	2,316
TOTAL	22,134	21,549	20,614	21,209	5.11	5.13	24,788
MON-FRI107,372(A)							97,071(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08 & 09-Jun-01 is estimated to be 33,115,000 up 6.23 percent from a week ago and down 2.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 34,026,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection

for the week ending 09-Jun-01 is estimated to be 155,589,000 head up 9.2 percent from a week ago, and down 2.3 percent from a year ago (Last week 142,428,000 Last year 159,292,000)

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

##### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	94-96
HENS OVER 5#	104-113
DUCKS	113-123
	98
	91
	152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending May 26, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	31,705	26,611	46,431
Avg Weight	3.81	4.79	6.07
% of total /1	30%	25%	44%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,129	32,874	48,104
Avg Weight	3.79	4.72	6.12
% of total /1	28%	29%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,548	35,931	44,519
Avg Weight	3.71	4.77	6.00
% of total /1	30%	31%	39%
To date/2001	682,737	548,379	956,154
To date/2000	703,922	675,011	864,509

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 02-Jun-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	142,428(A)	1,461	1,184	2,645	420
AVG WT	5.16	3.35	7.69	5.29	6.93
LAST WEEK	160,883	1,595	1,568	3,163	570
SAME WK YR AGO	143,535	1,393	1,277	2,670	481
AVG WT	5.03	3.37	8.12	5.64	6.71
TO-DATE/2001	3,329,441	39,492	29,488	68,980	11,029
TO-DATE/2000	3,380,007	44,117	30,361	74,478	9,921

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 144.2 million head or 12.5 million head less than or 92 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JUNE 05, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.22 - 1.42	Silkie	4.00 - 5.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.44	Pigeons	2.75 - 3.50ea.
Pekin Ducks	.70 - .92	White Pigeons	3.50 - 4.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .82	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.20	4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.40
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.10	7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.24
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	.50 - 2.00ea.
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.34	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Kid Goats	27.00 - 40.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - 1.20	Doves	4.50 - 7.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 1.95	Pullets	
Banty Roosters	4.50 - 7.50ea.	4-6 LBS	.60 - .74
Banty Hens	2.50 - 5.00ea.		
Leghorn Hens	.16 - .24	Total Coops Sold	772

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 04-JUNE-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-85
	64-71

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

#### **CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were mostly unchanged.

The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate. Sizes were desirable to somewhat light. Slaughter schedules were slightly reduced. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-JUNE-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	120-123	124
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS**

##### **AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL	28	158.8	156.2	102	5.00
MAY	5	158.9	158.5	100	5.02
	12	159.9	159.1	101	5.20
	19	162.3	157.9	103	5.16
	26	162.8	157.4	103	5.02
JUNE	2	144.2	156.7	92	5.16
YEAR TO DATE		3369.9	3352.8	101	
JUNE	9		156.9		
	16		158.1		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	06/09/01	05/19/01	% CHG	05/27/00	% CHG
Broilers	155,589	142,428	+09	159,292	-02
Cattle	698	625	+12	723	-03
Hogs	1,742	1,546	+13	1,796	-03
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were irregular on light cannery and generally unchanged to lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were in a full range of barely adequate to ample for trade needs. Demand was light to moderately good. The undertone was cautious and usually no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-25 MAJORITY	31.5-38 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24.25-27.5 MAJORITY 24.25-25.5	32-40 MAJORITY 32-34

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Cannery movement was fair with offerings adequate for needs. The market tone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished product sales were only fair. Trade sentiment was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand continued mostly light to moderate as offerings of spent fowl far out weigh current production needs. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was only fair for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were in a full range of about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate. Offerings were usually adequate for most trade needs. Schedules were normal. Finished product sales were light to moderate. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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